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CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile/ cellular telephones and mobile telephone based on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology provided by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL);

(b) the revenue earned by MTNL and VSNL therefrom as on date;

(c) whether some mobile/ cellular telephones have been returned by the subscribers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether MTNL propose to expand the range of Mobile telephone based on WLL technology;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the mobile service Hundai HGC-110 provided by MTNL is ineffective though its monthly rent is Rs. 600/-;

(h) if so, the reasons therefor;

(i) whether the Government propose to reduce the monthly rent of this mobile service; and

(j) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) VSNL does not provide mobile/ cellular telephones and mobile telephone based on Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Technology. The number of mobile/Cellular subscribers in MTNL Delhi/Mumbai are as under :-

	Delhi	Mumbai
GSM Cellular	10117	10100
CDMA WLL	4618	Under installation.

(b) The revenue earned by MTNL is as under:

	Delhi	Mumbai
GSM Cellular	Rs.3,30,22,090/-	Rs.2.17 Crores (as on 30.06.2001)
CDMA WLL	Rs.10,09,11,044/-	NIL (service is under installation)

(c) Yes, Sir, few subscribers have applied for refund/ surrender.

(d) Most of the subscribers have not mentioned the reason for surrender and few subscribers in Delhi have complained about network coverage. The network coverage for cities Gurgaon, Faridabad & Ghaziabad will be available in a couple of months as licence for these areas was received by MTNL only in January this year.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The equipment for 30,000 mobile WLL subscribers each covering all areas of Delhi and Mumbai has been procured and is under installation.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) MTNL is in a process to review the chargeable tariff.

(j) Not applicable in view of
(i) above.